

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 remain in the application and claims 1 and 6 have been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-11 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Ginter et al. in view of Garfinkle et al.

Features of the image commercial transactions system according to the present invention are the transferring of a digital image with a handling condition stored in a server to a user selected receiver side different from the user's computer for developing.

An advantage of these features of the present invention is that a user in one location is able to send a digital image to another location for developing.

Independent claims 1 and 6 have been amended to recite these features of the present invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the combination of Ginter et al. and Garfinkle et al. fails to show or suggest the transferring of a digital image with a handling condition stored in a server to a user selected receiver side different from the user's computer for developing.

Ginter is merely a system for secure transaction management and electronic rights protection and does not show or suggest the transferring of a digital image to a user selected receiver side different from the user's computer for developing and, because

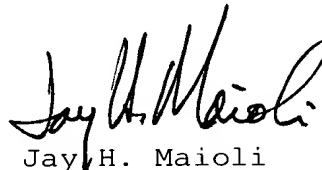
there are no features in Garfinkle et al. that somehow could be combined with Ginter et al. and result in the presently claimed invention, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1 and 6, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentably distinct over Ginter et al. in view of Garfinkle et al.

Entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited, and it is respectfully submitted that the amendments made to the claims hereby raise no new issues requiring further consideration and/or search, because all of the features of this invention have clearly been considered by the examiner in the prosecution of this application and because the present amendments serve only to further define and emphasize the novel features of this invention.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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